



Milwaukee County Board Chairwoman

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District 10



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Dear Neighbors,

I would like to thank you for giving me the honor to serve as your Supervisor for the 10th District of Milwaukee County. I may be a new face to many of you, as each district changed due to our decennial redistricting process last fall. I'm excited to meet with new constituents, community organizations, and leaders. I also look forward to continuing the strong relationships I've built with the constituents I have had since I was first elected in 2016.

I was born and raised in Milwaukee and grew up in the 53206 ZIP code—one of the nation's poorest and most incarcerated. My work as a union activist, community organizer, and educator pushed me to run for office and it continues to influence my policies and community work. I continue to be your advocate for the county services we all enjoy including parks, the Milwaukee County Transit System, cultural amenities, and more.

Over the past six years, I have been able to tackle issues surrounding transportation, parks, and wages. Together, we focused on work that would benefit the whole community. I am very proud of the work we were able to accomplish together, and I look forward to continuing to move forward in this new term with the vision of reaching racial equity.

Please consider attending one of my Meet & Greets this summer at some of our beautiful county parks. I encourage everyone to reach out to my district office so that we can keep you informed on any new developments in the district.

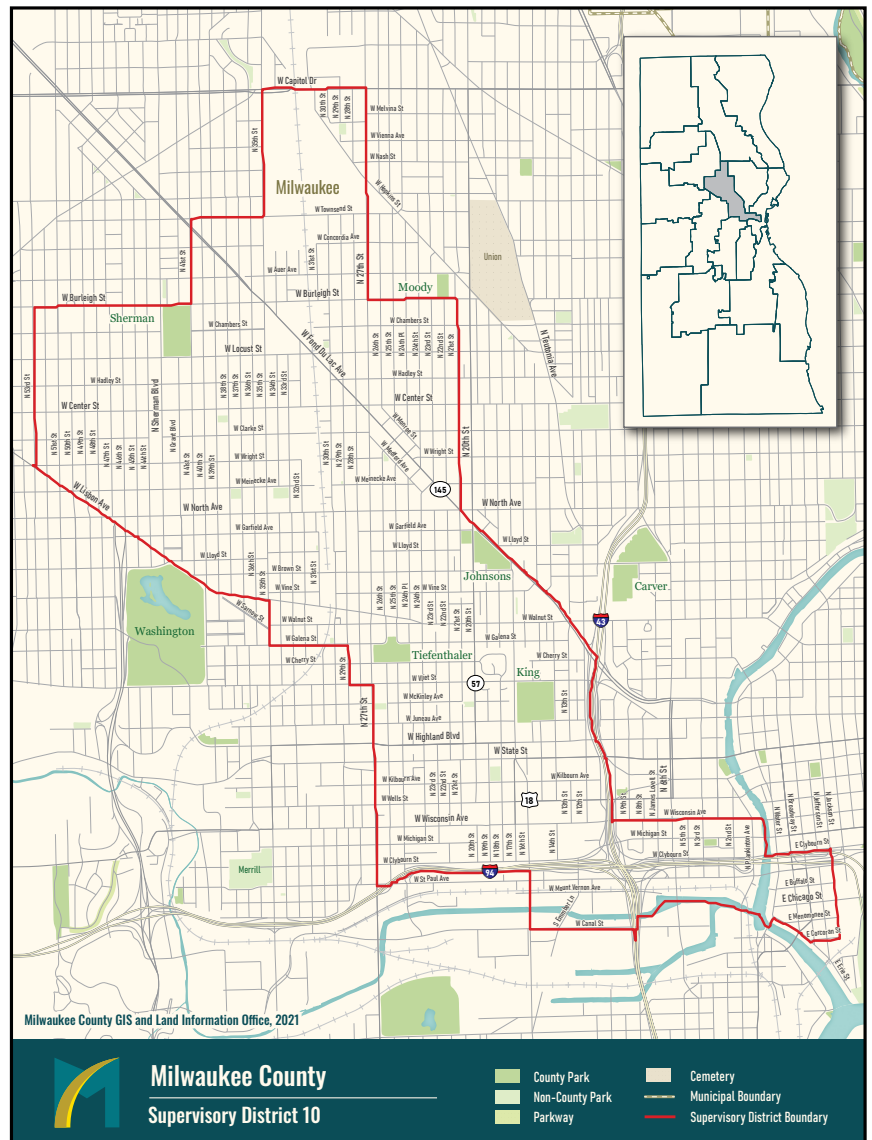
Best Regards,

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The New District 10

District 10 includes part of Third Ward and goes up to the northwest part of Milwaukee into Midtown. In the new district, you will be able to find the following county parks; Johnsons Park, King Park, Sherman Park, Tiefenthaler Park, and Zeidler Union Square.



**Watch for upcoming community events
with Chairwoman Nicholson.**

A New Term

On April 6, I was reelected for a fourth term to represent the 10th District of Milwaukee County. Following a redistricting process, a virtual term, and an almost third of the Board turnover, I prepared to lead a successful term transition. On,

April 18 I was unanimously reelected by my colleagues to represent them as Chairwoman of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors. I'm thankful for the opportunity to continue leading the Board and serving the community.



I was sworn in on April 18, 2022 by County Clerk George Christenson in our first all County Board hybrid meeting.

Working For Milwaukee County

\$15 Living Wage Legislation

My first piece of legislation brought a change to the existing living wage ordinance for county employees. The resolution had a plan of raising the minimum wage each year until it reached \$15 an hour in 2021. I wanted to ensure that wages kept up with inflation.

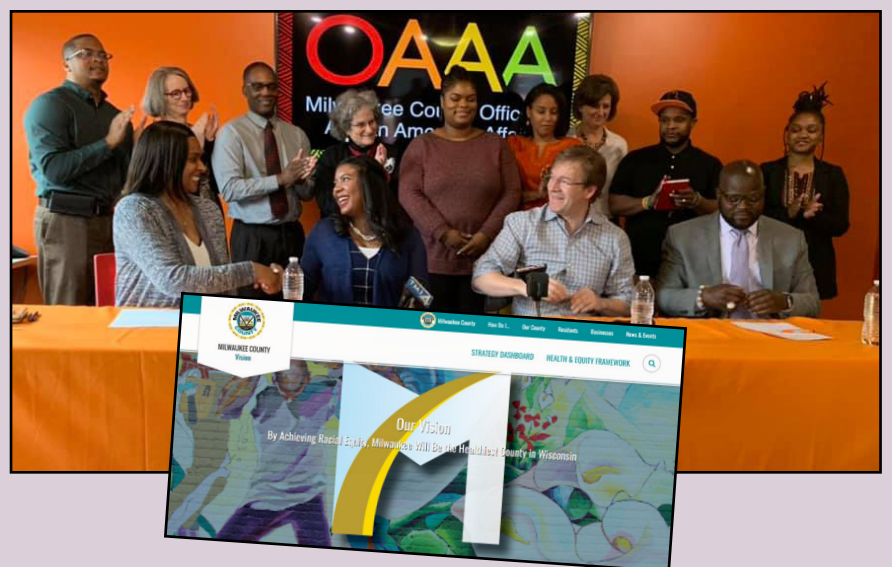


Equity in Milwaukee

In collaboration with other Supervisors, I co-sponsored a resolution opposing discrimination in all its forms and affirming Milwaukee County's commitment to value all people equally regardless of race, sex, class, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, age, ancestry or nationality, ethnicity, political or religious affiliation, or creed. It was important to unite as a Board and condemn all hate crimes and hate speech perpetrated during the 2016 election year.

Racism as a Public Health Crisis

In April of 2019, in collaboration with County Executive Chris Abele, I led the charge on legislation that declared racism as a public health crisis. It was a first step in making Milwaukee more equitable. It was a pledge to work to create an inclusive organization, offer educational training, advocate for policies that improve health in communities of color, assess internal policies and procedures to ensure that racial equity is a core element of the county's decision-making processes, and encourage other local, state, and national entities to do the same. Since that time, more than 200 city, county, and state governments have followed our lead.





Greater Opportunities for All Future Leaders

I reimagined the County Board's Intern Program by creating paid internships with the intent of breaking the cycle of privilege where those with means have greater opportunities to become leaders. Unpaid intern positions are disproportionately available to those with higher socioeconomic statuses. The funding of these positions paved the way for a more equitable system for all students.



Action During Unprecedented times

Following my reelection to the Board in April 2020, the world was hit with a pandemic. To help decrease the transmission of the virus, I authored a resolution supporting municipal public health facemask ordinances and called upon the State of Wisconsin to implement a statewide facemask policy to mitigate the spread and hasten the end of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Protecting our Vote

In 2020, in preparation for the General Election, I authored a resolution supporting the City of Milwaukee's SafeVote program for the Fall 2020. The SafeVote program provided 300,000 registered voters in the City of Milwaukee with an application for an absentee voter ballot in the mail with a pre-postaged return envelope. The program sought to minimize risk exposure and contraction of Covid-19. I believe it is a right for everyone to be able to vote safely during a pandemic.



Climate Action 2050

One of my first resolutions as Chairwoman was to address the greatest existential threat of our time, which will have a disparate impact on communities of color. The resolution made it the policy of Milwaukee County to achieve net zero carbon emissions in all county facilities and operations while advancing equity, justice, and community resilience.



Becoming Chairwoman



In 2020, I was elected as the first Afro-Latina Chairwoman of the Milwaukee County Board by my peers. I was elected to serve under unprecedented times with the outbreak of COVID-19. We held every meeting for the 2020-22 term virtually while focusing on continuing our work. I'm excited to lead the board once again for the 2022-24 term.

Visit to Milwaukee School of Languages

I'm a proud product of Milwaukee Public Schools and on April of this year, I was invited to be a guest speaker for 200 students at my Alma Mater. I was able to share with the students my journey to leadership through the power of education. It was a special moment to share as a former MPS student and former MPS teacher.



Taking Care of our Parks

This spring, I have had the opportunity to participate in many events that focused on taking care of our County Parks. I continue to support environmental justice efforts in our community. Thank you to all of our dedicated Milwaukee County Parks employees and our committed community members that give their time to take care of our parks.

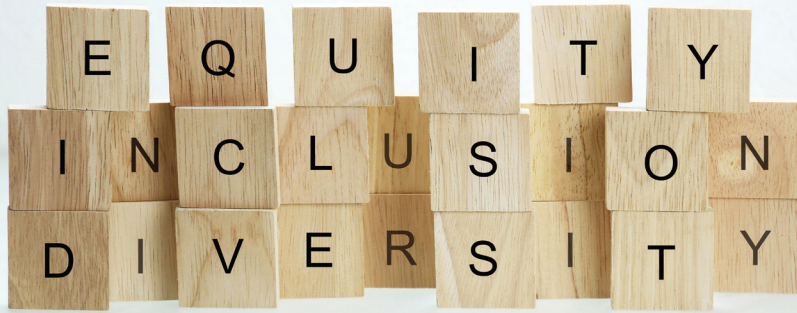


For Arbor Day, I had the privilege of participating in two tree planting events, at the Boerner Botanical Gardens at Whitnall Park and at 45th and Center at in the 10th District.

Named 40 Under 40

The Milwaukee Business Journal named me part of their 2022 class of "40 under 40" honorees. It was an honor to be a part of a class so diverse, ambitious, and well deserving. Opportunities like these allow me to show the work that the Milwaukee County Board does every day to improve the lives of those that live here.





Milwaukee County Board Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson and **Brown County Executive Troy Streckenbach**, in collaboration with Wisconsin Counties Association, will be traveling across Wisconsin to teach county leaders about Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiatives that their counties can work to implement.

NORTHWEST • Thursday, August 11, 2022 • 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Flat Creek Lodge • 10290 WI-27, Hayward, WI

Counties: Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Polk, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, Taylor and Washburn

WEST CENTRAL • Thursday, August 11, 2022 • 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Holiday Inn Eau Claire South • 4751 Owen Ayres Court, Eau Claire, WI

Counties: Barron, Chippewa, Clark, Dunn, Eau Claire, Pepin, Pierce and St. Croix

WESTERN • Monday, August 15, 2022 • 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Three Bears Resort • 701 Yogi Circle, Warrens, WI

Counties: Adams, Buffalo, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Marquette, Monroe, Trempealeau and Vernon

SOUTHERN • Monday, August 15, 2022 • 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Glacier Canyon Conference Center • 45 Hillman Road, Wisconsin Dells, WI

Counties: Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Grant, Green, Green Lake, Iowa, Jefferson, Lafayette, Richland, Rock and Sauk

SOUTHEAST • Tuesday, August 16, 2022 • 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

The Ingleside Hotel • 2810 Golf Road, Pewaukee, WI

Counties: Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Walworth, Washington and Waukesha

NORTH CENTRAL • Thursday, August 25, 2022 • 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Fairfield Inn by Marriott • 7100 Stone Ridge Drive, Weston, WI

Counties: Florence, Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Oneida, Portage, Shawano, Vilas, Waupaca, Waushara and Wood

EAST CENTRAL • Thursday, August 25, 2022 • 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Hilton Appleton Paper Valley • 333 West College Avenue, Appleton, WI

Counties: Brown, Calumet, Door, Fond du Lac, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Outagamie, Sheboygan and Winnebago

